



Dead Man's Hand Blackjack

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General Rules of Play for Pitch & Shoe Games

1. Dead Man's hand Blackjack is played on a conventional 21 table with the use of a specially designed layout: One circle for the 21 bet and one smaller separate circle for the \$1.00 Minimum Dead Man's Hand side-bet and a Maximum to be established by the House. The game is played like regular 21 and standard house rules apply.
2. The game can be played with 1, 2, 5, 6, or 8 decks of standard 52-card decks. Both (Pitch and Multiple Deck games) follow the same rules when splitting a pair of ACES or a pair of EIGHTS, on the DEAD MAN'S side bet.
3. For single and double deck (Pitch), players playing multiple hands must play one hand at a time. They may skip ahead to check the other hands only when the dealer asks for insurance.
4. If the player is playing more than one 21 hand, the same number of Dead Man's Hand side-bets can be made. However, a player may not bet on another player's side-bets.
5. **"FIRST TWO CARDS ACE OR EIGHT PAYOUT OPTION"**- In order to win the players that have made the optional side bet, are betting that one of the first two cards dealt will be an ACE or EIGHT (only). If the players first two cards are an ACE-EIGHT two card "Soft nineteen" they will be paid according to the house pay table. The players will not be paid for both of the payoff odds.
6. **"FIRST CARD ACE OR EIGHT PAYOUT OPTION"**- In order to win the players that have made the optional side bet, are betting that the first card dealt will be an ACE or EIGHT. If the players first two cards are an ACE-EIGHT two card "Soft nineteen" they will be paid according to the house pay table. The players will not be paid for both of the payoff odds.

7. The objective of the game is to "catch" up to four two-card soft-nineteen's (ace & eight) after splitting their pair of "aces" or pair of "eights." The order in which the soft-nineteen hands are achieved after splitting a pair of aces or a pair of eights does not affect the payout awarded. NO additional side bet is required after splitting. House rules allowing splitting aces 1X are limited to a maximum payout of two two-card soft-nineteen's.

8. The players payout odds will increase with each additional two-card soft nineteen received.

9. Players with a pair of aces or a pair of eights and a side-bet may choose not to split there pair and just hit the hand, but will only win for the first two cards dealt to them. If a player splits a pair of aces or eights, and the outcome results in no soft nineteen's, they win only for an ace or eight having been dealt to them on there initial first two cards.

10. **[Splitting Pairs of Aces] "HOUSE RULES APPLY"**

- A. House rules allowing the splitting of aces one time may only use the maximum payout for two-sets of two card soft nineteen's. (Payouts in chart #1)
- B. House rules allowing the splitting of aces up to three times may choose the maximum payout for four-sets of two card soft nineteen's. (payouts in chart #2)
- C. Normal rules apply when splitting aces, after players are done splitting, they will get paid according to the number of two card soft nineteen they have. Then the hand will continue to the next player.

10. **[Splitting Pairs of Eights]**

- A. Players splitting a pair of eights may upon receiving another eight on the initial hit, may re-split up to three times for a maximum of four hands.
- B. Players may hit each eight until they make a hand or break (goes over 21). Once the Player has completed taking hits the dealer will calculate the winning payoff according to the number of two card ace-eight combinations and the payout option the house selects, then the hand will continue to the next player.

RECOMMENDED DEALING PROCEDURES: single OR double deck (pitch game)
ACE OR EIGHT FIRST TWO CARDS OPTION ONLY

1. At the beginning of each round of play the dealer will case the layout to make sure all players who wish to place a regular 21 bet and the additional Dead Man's Hand side-bet has done so.
2. The dead man's hand side bets will be handled in turn, starting from the dealers left. No paying and taking ahead of the hand that is being played.
3. players who have a winning DEAD MAN'S HAND side bet hand must turn there cards face up , so it can be easily read by the dealer, floor, and surveillance.
4. Players may surrender losing DEAD MAN'S side bets, when it's his or her turn to act on there hand. (I.e. pushing the side bet in or signaling a loser) or having clearly seen the losing cards.
 - A. If the player has an ace or eight (only) or an ACE and EIGHT on the first two cards, the dealer will pay it and hand it off and the normal play will continue.
 - B. If the player has a pair of aces or eights, players must split them in order to receive higher payout odds. After the player is done acting on there hand, the side bet will be paid according to the outcome and pay table the house selects, and the hand will continue with the next player.

Recommended Dealing Procedures: for (pitch & Multiple deck Game dealt face up.

DEALER has an ACE up

1. The dealer will collect all losing side bets and pay all winning side bets that "WIN" according to the pay table.
2. The dealer then will ask for "insurance".
3. If the dealer does not have a blackjack, the game resumes as normal.
4. If the dealer does have a blackjack, the dealer will collect all losing BLACKJACK bets and pay the insurance bets at the same time starting from the dealers "right" to "left", the dealer then removes all cards EXCEPT the dealers cards and the winning

side bet Hands, and pays all side bets according to the pay table the house selects.

DEALER HAS A VALUE OF TEN UP

1. On BLACKJACK DEALT face up, the dealer will collect all losing side bets first, and pay all winning side bets according to the pay table the "HOUSE" selects.
2. Then the dealer will check their hole card for a blackjack.
3. If the dealer does not have a blackjack, the game resumes as normal.
4. If the dealer does have a blackjack, on (pitch games) the dealer will collect all losing side bets and blackjack bets at the same time, starting from the dealers "Right" to "Left" and then removes all cards except the dealers cards and the winning side bet hands.

IRREGULARITIES

1. Players who split a pair of eights must clearly indicate which hand they want to take the hit on.
2. Players who split eights up to three times under house rules allowing the splitting of aces only once will be paid for any two ace-eights achieved in the hands. Three or more ace-eights will not increase the payout.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Keep the maximum side bet \$25 and under.
2. Players making a side bet wager may not exceed there blackjack bet.

FIRST TWO CARDS- ACE OR EIGHT PAYOUT OPTIONS

HOUSE RULES- SPLIT ACES 1X or 3X

Payout #1

2- Ace-Eights	100
1- Ace-Eight	9
ANY Ace or Eight (first 2 cards)	3 to 2

DEALER BLACKJACK

Pair Aces or Pair Eights	50
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Payout #2

2- Ace-Eights	75
1- Ace-Eight	4
ANY Ace or Eight (first 2 cards)	2

DEALER BLACKJACK

Pair Aces or Pair Eights	25
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Payout #3

2- Ace-Eights	75
1- Ace-Eight	4
ANY Ace or Eight (first 2 cards)	3 to 2

DEALER BLACKJACK

Pair Aces or Pair Eights	50
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HOUSE RULES- SPLIT ACES 3X

Payout #4

4- Ace-Eight Pairs	500
3- Ace-Eight Pairs	250
2- Ace-Eight Pairs	100
1- Ace-Eight Pairs	9
ANY Ace or Eight (first 2 cards)	3 to 2

DEALER BLACKJACK

Pair Aces or Pair Eights	50
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Payout #5

4- Ace-Eight Pairs	500
3- Ace-Eight Pairs	250
2- Ace-Eight Pairs	75
1- Ace-Eight Pairs	4
ANY Ace or Eight (first 2 cards)	2

DEALER BLACKJACK

Pair Aces or Pair Eights	25
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Payout #6

4- Ace-Eight Pairs	500
3- Ace-Eight Pairs	250
2- Ace-Eight Pairs	75
1- Ace-Eight Pairs	4
ANY Ace or Eight (first 2 cards)	3 to 2

DEALER BLACKJACK

Pair Aces or Pair Eights	50
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Payout #7 Split Aces 1X and 3X	
2- Ace-Eights	100
1- Ace-Eight	5
ANY Ace or Eight (first 2 cards)	2
 <u>DEALER BLACKJACK</u>	
Pair Aces or Pair Eights	50

Payout #8 Split Aces 3X	
4- Ace-Eight Pairs	500
3- Ace-Eight Pairs	250
2- Ace-Eight Pairs	100
1- Ace-Eight Pairs	5
ANY Ace or Eight (first 2 cards)	2
 <u>DEALER BLACKJACK</u>	
Pair Aces or Pair Eights	50

FIRST CARD ONLY- ACE OR EIGHT PAYOUT OPTION

Payout #9 House Rules: Split Aces 3X

4- Ace-Eight soft nineteen hands	5000 to 1
3- Ace-Eight soft nineteen hands	2000 to 1
2- Ace-Eight soft nineteen hands	500 to 1
1- Ace-Eight soft nineteen hand	10 to 1
Ace or Eight on first card	4 to 1

**** **WITH DEALER BLACKJACK** ****

Pair of Aces or Pair of Eights, or Ace-Eight	100 to 1
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